

## FOR GRAND JURY ON PIER EXPLOSION

Officials of Railway, Powder Company and Steamer Plead Not Guilty.

## ALLOWED TO GO ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE

Score of Indictments Expected Next Week—Divers Prove Lighter Cargo Exploded.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 4.—Eight officials of the Jersey Central railway and the Du Pont Powder Company, with the owner of the ill-fated tug Catherine W., were arraigned before Judge Queen in the criminal court, today, charged with manslaughter, in connection with Wednesday's explosion.

They pleaded not guilty, but were held without bail to await the action of the grand jury, the court not having power to fix bail on this charge. All were at once taken before Judge Robert Carey, in the court of common pleas, who permitted them to go on their own recognizance pending the returning of indictments by the grand jury. The body is now investigating the affair, and it is believed will indict a score of persons early next week.

Divers today raised the hull of the powder lighter Whistler. It was evident from her condition that her cargo, as well as that of the Catherine W., exploded at the time of the accident. The divers are still searching for the bodies of the crews of both craft.

It was made plain that the jurisdiction of the Hudson county authorities was to be questioned from the outset.

Prosecutor Garven told the court he was prepared to prove that the explosives, which caused the disaster, had been in the city for six days, without the knowledge of the authorities. That a permit was not applied for in the case, he said, was due to the fact that the railroad and powder company officials knew that not only would such a permit be refused, but that if the officials of the city knew that such a quantity of explosives had been brought inside the limits, steps would have been taken to protect the community.

That the explosive was black powder and not dynamite was the belief of the Du Pont officials today. They said that there was no question but that the dynamite on the pier was frozen, and consequently could not have been detonated. However, they pointed out, there was more than 10,000 pounds of black gunpowder on the dock and that the explosive will detonate at any temperature. This theory, however, will be disputed by the county officials in court.

## Fear Skin-Grafting Will Now Be Necessary

Although the report that the scalp of Miss Alvin W. Houghton is not knitting to her head was confirmed at Emergency Hospital this morning, it was stated there that it is too early to state positively that skin grafting will be necessary. Within the next three or four days a definite decision will be reached by the attending physician.

It was reported at the hospital this morning that Miss Houghton is resting well, and during the last twenty-four hours her general physical condition has materially improved. She has about recovered from the nervous shock she suffered, but is not yet receiving any of her friends. Yesterday her mother spent some time with her, and they are doing many things to make her accident easy to bear.

News of Miss Houghton's accident has been withheld from her brother, Woodrow Houghton, because he has been seriously ill, and is now recuperating from an operation for appendicitis, performed at Georgetown Hospital on January 20. The official report of Miss Houghton's accident, which has been prepared by Director E. Dana Durand, of the Census Bureau, will be placed in the hands of Secretary Charles Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor today. Charts and photographs, showing the machinery involved in the accident, will accompany the report.

## Body of Dead Baby Is Found In Gutter

Lying in the gutter near Minnesota avenue and Seventh street, southeast, the body of a white male infant was found this morning by Ernest Magruder, of 46 Minnesota avenue. Police of the Eleventh precinct were notified and the body taken to the morgue.

The child was not more than a few hours old. Although the head was crushed, death is believed to have been due to natural causes.

There was no covering of any kind about the body, or anything that would give a clue to the identity of the mother. The police are making an investigation.

## Man Suing for Divorce Forced to Pay Alimony

Though he sued for a limited divorce himself, an order was issued in the District Supreme Court requiring George W. Lawrence to pay his wife \$40 a month for maintenance, \$10 each month pendente lite, and \$35 for his wife's counsel fees.

It was one of the allegations of Lawrence that his wife was addicted to use of intoxicating liquor, and that he had frequently called in physicians to attend her. However, Mrs. Lawrence made the answer that Lawrence had struck her in the back, and then had administered whisky to revive her. She claimed this was the only instance where she had taken intoxicants and a physician was required.

Much testimony has been taken in the case, and it is decidedly conflicting.

## Candymaker Files Bankruptcy Petition

George E. Crowell, a confectionery manufacturer, of 431 Seventh street southwest, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the District Supreme Court today. He fixed his assets at \$115.71, and his liabilities at \$4,422.15. A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was also filed by George W. Emerson, a druggist, who claimed his debts amounted to \$5,832.55, while his assets were \$1,664.65.

## Penny Lunch Room Just Opened by Gospel Mission

Gospel Mission Penny Lunch and Newsboys' Waiting Room

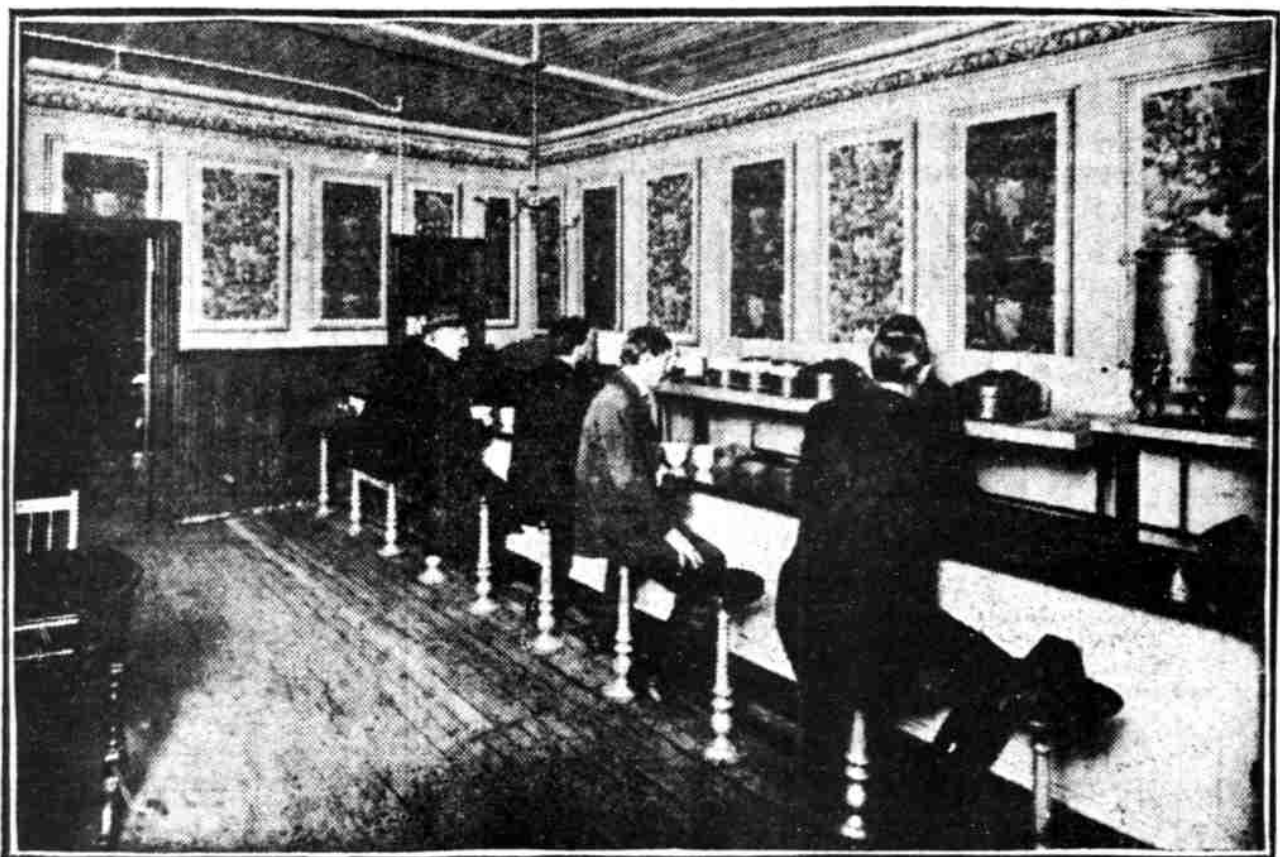
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Good hot coffee, per cup.....One cent  
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Pies, per cut.....Three cents



## FIRST PENNY MEAL AT MISSION TODAY

Luncheon for Needy Is Given for Small Price.

The first 1-cent meal was served in a new lunch room established at 304 Fourteenth street northwest by the Gospel Mission at noon today. Since early this morning there had been visitors, some of them hungry, eager for the covers to be removed from the steam tables, and the dishes of coffee and bread and beans to be served. H. W. Kline, superintendent of the mission, under whose direction the lunch room was opened, and will be maintained, spent the morning in making the last preparations.

The purpose of the lunch room, he said, is to afford the persons of meager means a sustaining meal at the smallest possible price. The man with one copper, he said, would be served as gladly as any other man in any other restaurant. The articles served will be coffee, bread, soup, meat, vegetables, and pie. Nothing will cost more than 1 cent, and for 3 cents a man can get a fairly substantial meal.

Mr. Kline and his assistants said today they did not expect to make a profit, and might even run at a loss. Their effort would be, they explained, to give as good a meal as possible at a price approximately the cost of the articles served.

The new lunch room was furnished by the contributions of a Washington woman, and is part of the first floor of the building recently acquired by the Gospel Mission. The upper floors afford an assembly hall and a dormitory with accommodations for twenty men. They are all furnished comfortably and will be kept as bright and cheerful as possible.

## Five States Crusade Against Bank Robbers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4.—The organization of a detective force which shall aid county and State authorities in the capture of bank robbers was the plan adopted today, following the meeting of the officials of the State Banking Association of five States, which ended here last night. The detective force will have headquarters in Kansas City and will operate only for the capture of bank robbers.

This is the result of scores of robberies in the mid-West during the last three months, in which it is estimated \$250,000 has been stolen.

The States which are participating were Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

The organization is to be known as the "Bankers' Co-operative Alliance."

## Bravery Medals for Dogs That Save Lives

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The small animals committee of the New York Woman's League for Animals, which Mrs. James Speyer is president, has announced that in future all dogs which are instrumental in the saving of human life will receive official recognition of their bravery through the league, and their owners will be presented with medals to be worn by the dogs.

**Wife's Case As Example.**  
"We all sigh for something unattainable."  
"That's right. My wife has never been able to find any good use for the burnt matches."—Pittsburg Post.

## TEACHERS' CHECKS READY ON MONDAY

Pay Rolls in Hands of Disbursing Officer's Clerks for Signing.

"We are going to pay the teachers Monday if we have to sit up all night and work all day Sunday in order to sign and assemble the checks."

This statement was made today by Louis C. Wilson, disbursing officer of the District. The January pay rolls were received by Auditor Alonzo Tweed from the Board of Education yesterday at 5 p. m. The Auditor immediately placed his entire available force upon the work of auditing the rolls and preparing the checks for the signatures of the disbursing officer.

This work will be completed today and the checks delivered to Mr. Wilson, who promises to sit up all night and work all day Sunday in order that the teachers may receive their money Monday morning.

The delay in the payment of teachers, who heretofore have received their salaries before reporting at the station last evening, has been due to the fact that the rolls following the decision of the Controller of the Treasury regarding the pay for absent teachers.

## Loss of \$300 Diamond Ring Puzzles Police

The loss of a \$300 diamond ring belonging to Patrolman J. S. Boswell is puzzling the police of the Tenth precinct today.

The ring is supposed to have been lost in the station house, but the manner in which it disappeared is a mystery.

Boswell says he remembers having the ring on his finger just a few minutes before reporting at the station last evening. He had been in the building only a few minutes when he noticed that it was missing. He failed to recall having taken it off and mislaid it, and is mystified as to how it could have dropped from his finger, as it fit very tight.

The diamond is a blue-white stone, weighing nearly two karats.

## Robin Demurs to Eight Larceny Indictments

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—When arraigned today before Judge Swann in general sessions court to plead to eight indictments, charging the larceny of more than \$100.00, Joseph G. Robin, the promoter, through his counsel, interposed demurrers to the indictments. He alleged that the presentments did not conform to the law, and that they had not been properly signed by the district attorney.

Judge Swann ordered an immediate argument of the points raised, which was begun by Jerome, who was opposed by District Attorney Whitman.

Judge Swann overruled all of the objections and ordered Attorney Jerome to enter a plea for his clients.

This Jerome refused to do, on the ground that Robin was insane. The court directed that a plea of not guilty be entered, which was done.

## Being in Debt.

There is a restaurant in New York where the waiters do their level best to make old customers sign checks for meals instead of paying cash. The motion of a customer hesitates at sight of the total, or evinces a tendency to count the money in his pocket and a waiter is sure to shove a pencil into his hand and actually coax him to "hang up" the check.

"Why, of course you ought to sign checks," is the way one of the tempters put it the other day; "nobody amounts to anything in New York till he owes something."—New York Tribune.

## SENATORS TO VOTE ON THEIR ELECTION

Popular Selection Resolution Is Now Unfinished Business.

Supporters of the direct election of Senators are greatly encouraged by the fact Senator Borah has succeeded in getting the resolution for direct elections made the unfinished business before the Senate.

This was accomplished late Friday afternoon after the Senate had once voted to make the Alaska coal-lease bill the unfinished business.

Sensor Nelson got a motion through to make the Alaska bill the unfinished business, but Senators paid little attention to the bill when it was taken up. Senator Nelson asked that it be laid aside for the time, and Senator Borah suddenly got passed, by 46 to 26, a motion to make the direct elections resolution the unfinished business.

This means that it will be impossible to evade a vote on direct elections. Its supporters hope to pass the measure before the session is closed.

## Peter the Agent Of Russian Police

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Instead of being the arch-anarchist that he has heretofore been pictured, anarchist refugees in London today informed the police that "Peter the Painter," one of the participants in the Houndsditch murders, is a Russian "agent provocateur."

These refugees say they have found positive proof that "Peter" was sent here by the Russian secret police to encourage anarchistic violence, in the hope of so arousing the English authorities that they would no longer permit London to be the "last refuge" of continental anarchists.

The anarchist refugees are themselves conducting an independent search for "Peter," who escaped after the Houndsditch shooting. If they find him they say they will mete out summary vengeance upon him.

One reason that "Peter" has so successfully eluded the dragnet that has been thrown out for him, the refugees say, is that the Russian police are themselves assisting him in his hiding.

## Sights of River Pilots Subject of Conference

Supervisors of the Steamboat Inspection Service of the Department of Commerce and Labor conferred today with physicians of Washington, Philadelphia and other cities upon the question of changing the regulations of sight tests required of steamboat pilots. The conference was held in the office of Secretary Nagel, to whom its results will be formally reported with recommendations.

It is understood the conference will favor a more rigid test.

## Millionaire Banker Is Philadelphia Policeman

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—In recognition of his substantial contributions to the police pension fund, Edward T. Stotesbury, a millionaire member of the banking firm of Drexel & Co., has been appointed a member of the Philadelphia police force. The position is an honorary one, but he will have full authority to make arrests if he detects crime.

## HIGH OFFICIALS OF RED MEN GREETED

Alexandria Tribes Have Big Gathering to Hear Prominent Speakers.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., FEB. 4.

To do honor to the presence of high officials of the order visiting in the city, several hundred members from the two local tribes of the Independent Order of Red Men, their wives, families and friends, assembled in the Young People's building, last night. George B. Griggs, great inchoonee, of Houston, Tex.; John W. Cherry, past great inchoonee, of Norfolk, Va.; W. A. S. Bird, past great inchoonee, of Topeka, Kan., and Judge Thomas H. Jeffries, past great sachem, of Atlanta, Ga., were guests of the evening.

Following an address of welcome from Walter S. Nicklin, great prophet of Virginia, came an overture from the newly reorganized Ideal Music Club, an invocation by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, and singing of patriotic songs by the audience. Judge Jeffries responded for the visitors, complimenting the local members on the material progress they have made in the last year, and assuring them of the appreciation felt by the visitors for the honor extended to them. Following this, Mrs. St. Elmo Davis gave a pleasing solo, "The Moon Drops All," then addresses from James W. Allison, great sachem of the District of Columbia; W. A. S. Bird, and John W. Cherry, were interspersed with selections by the orchestra. Light refreshments were then served, and the rest of the evening given over to social affairs.

The infant son of Mason Edwards, a resident of Alexandria, died at the family residence yesterday. Funeral will take place this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, interment being made in Bethel Cemetery.

The corporation court yesterday turned over to City Sergeant Cox the estate of Louisa Wingfield, deceased, for administration.

Tableaux, depicting the adventures of the fairy prince of the story book, Mother Goose, combined with a musical all tended to pass a most enjoyable evening at the entertainment given by Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church, at the parish hall last night.

Judge Barley, of the corporation court, who was appointed jointly with Judge Waddill in the matter of adjusting the division of the money due the heirs of the Belvoir estate, has received all the papers in regard to the Government condemnation proceedings, and will at once prepare his report. The Belvoir estate will be recalled, was the tract of land recently purchased by the District of Columbia, as a site for the proposed penal institution, but owing to its proximity to Mt. Vernon, was forfeited, owing to the efforts of Representative Carlin in Congress.

The new ferryboat, "Alexandria," will make her maiden trip between this city and the Capital on Washington's Birthday, it was announced today.

The funeral of Joseph Ellis will be held from his late residence, 223 South Peyton street, tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. F. Watson, of the First Baptist Church will conduct the services.

Judge Louis C. Barley, of the corporation court, has been designated by Governor Mann to preside over the circuit court of Prince William county, in the case of Judge J. B. T. Thornton, the regular occupant, did not deem it proper for himself to sit.

It seems possible that some provision will be made in the near future toward placing in underground conduits the overhead wires which line King street, a menace to life and property in case of accident and hampering firemen in case of a serious conflagration. In addition to some fifty-odd telephone and light wires, a heavy feed cable for the electric cars runs the full length of the street. The Western Power company has changed its wires so that they would come in through the outskirts of the city, rather than in the business section, but the other companies will either be required to do this or place them underground is probable.

## Three Italians Are Held for Murder

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Three Italians—Giuseppe Gambino, Peppino Cuaretta, and Tommaso Gambino—arrested in Brooklyn, charged with the murder of Denton Fowler and George Ragsdale, near Hudson, N. Y., September 5 last, were taken to Hudson today.

Fowler was paymaster of the Atlas Building Material Company, which has offices at Roseton and North Bay. George Ragsdale was a negro driver. On September 5, when Fowler was taking \$5,000 to the North Bay yards to pay the men, he was set upon by four masked men and robbed. In his effort to protect the money he was shot and mortally wounded, and died six days later. His bodyguard, Ragsdale, was instantly killed.

## Ben Johnson Quits Race for Governor

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 4.—Charging that he is being attacked because he is a member of the Roman Catholic church, Representative Ben Johnson, of the Fourth Congressional district, has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race. He issued a long statement today announcing his withdrawal.

## PUBLIC DANGER

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## SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR MAIL SERVICE

Funds Withheld for Economy's Sake, Is Charged in House.

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approximate what is considered fair for the line or run affected superintendents are authorized to employ acting clerks to fill vacancies pending appointment or transfer and in place of clerks injured on duty and those absent on leave.

"Where the hours of duty are excessive and the conditions work a hardship upon the clerks additional help will be given to bring the average hours down approximately to the standard fixed."

"It should be borne in mind that where, because of a readjustment made of the work, it appears that there are more clerks than are needed for a run, such clerks will not be dropped from the service, but will be held to fill vacancies that may occur and to which appointments must be made."

"It is also desired to be understood that where the conditions on a run have been adjusted and are not subject to immediate change the usual organization will be maintained and promotions will be made as vacancies occur."

"You are directed to give these instructions known in general orders, so that the clerks may be fully advised that only a fair day's work is expected and that no unnecessary hardship will be imposed in adjusting runs."

**Charges Denied.**  
Despite the protests of the Representatives, the Postoffice Department stands firm in its contention that there is no intention on its part to inflict hardship on the clerks or impair the postal service. The heads of the department assert in emphatic terms that "efficiency is not sacrificed for economy."

However, in debate on the question, Frank B. Rowland, brother of the late Bill Nye, the humorist, and a member of the House of Representatives from Minnesota, said:

"There is a strain, a constant strain upon the brain and nerve of this great class of employees which wears them out. Their hours are long, their irregular and their employment precarious, and I think that this Government ought to take special care that these men receive justice in this matter. I believe in economy, but it is conceded here that this bill provides for some 400 less clerks than the bill of last year, and it reduces, I think, the aggregate appropriation from last year."

"Notwithstanding the fact that the country is growing as it has never grown before, growing beyond the dreams of men, and the mass of mail increasing constantly, I could give figures, if I had the time, as to the difference between Chicago, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, and show the overburdened condition, I think, of the men who work on those runs, and on those runs which in the last forty days, including the holidays, of course, that have not been worked, I believe that we are warranted as the representatives of the public in bringing some pressure to bear at least upon the department to see that greater liberality is enforced in respect to these men."

Aside from the fight being made by the Railway Mail Association, there is a tendency on the part of members of Congress and commercial organizations of the country to combat the alleged "economy policy" of the department to "take up the slack" in the postal service.

## Lobster Rarebit One of Latest Canned Products

More report for the doctors. A consular report from Prince Edward Island tells of a new canned product, "lobster rarebit." The consul says that a canner has discovered that by a combination of the tail and the liver of lobsters he can make a saleable product.

Uncle Sam's representative at Charlottetown, the despatch says, "Lobster rarebit is a compound of the meaty layer, of the liver, and of the roe, to which some spices and a little fat are added. The ingredients used is the fattest part of the crustacean; the liver, glandular, is large and retains a high percentage of bile. The number of eggs found in a lobster is estimated from 5,000 to 40,000, according to size. The three ingredients are mixed in these proportions: Six tenths meat, three tenths liver, and one-tenth roe."

## Recount for Saul.

Sunday school teacher—After he heard the people shouting, "David has slain his thousands," what did Saul do?

Willie (whose father "also ran")—I suppose he got right up an' hollered for a recount.



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## WANTS VOLUNTEER TO TEST HAIR CURE

Postoffice Department Asked to Get Some One to Take Treatment.

An Ohio man wished the Postoffice Department to find some hairless person who will experiment with a hair restorer from which he had no effects himself.

Now he wishes that amount for the treatment, he wrote the department, because he was assured his hair would grow in six weeks, \$1,000 to be paid if the restorer did not restore.

"My hairs I have do not grow," is his plaint. "My faded hair remains gray, my baldness remains bald."

So disappointed was he that he thought the manufacturers of the restorer had sent the wrong chemicals until their silence, when he appealed for a return of his money, convinced him that the restorer was not efficacious.

Now he wants the Postoffice Department to get a bald-headed man to apply for the restorer so that legal proceedings may be instituted against the manufacturer.

"You rub it into your scalp with the point of your finger," he writes, "and it is hard work all for nothing."

The Postoffice Department has informally issued a call for volunteers.

## Hammond Sees Future For Yankees in Russia

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—American enterprise and capital will accomplish wonders in the development of Russia, predicts John Hays Hammond, who has just returned from a two months' trip there.

After speaking of exceptional opportunities in the mountains of Russia for mining and other kindred industries, Mr. Hammond said:

"The results of my visit confirms the impression I gathered on an extended trip to Russia and Siberia some ten years ago."

## Women Voters Mark Ballots Improperly

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Opponents of women's voting are having a nice little laugh today over the fact that out of 23 votes cast in the New York City Federation of Women's Club election yesterday, sixty-one were found void from improper marking. The women used the Australian system and the ticket was a simple affair. Mrs. William Grant Brown ran over her two opponents in her race for the presidency of the federation.

## Blood Poison 30-Day Treatment FREE

Remarkable Results Produced By New Vegetable Treatment Without Use Of Mercury Or Potash.

The terrible results of mercury and potash on blood poison are well known. The most these drugs can do is to drive the blood poison back into the system and another it for several years. Then when you think you are cured, pitiful mercury symptoms often break out, and you will find that your blood is still rotten all the while. You teeth may begin to loosen, your tissues, glands, brain and nerves are all being destroyed. The destructive power of the mercury and potash. Locomotor ataxia, paralysis, insanity, and Premature Death are the almost inevitable. Medical men who are honest admit that this is the case.

The remarkable new treatment, called the Obbae Treatment, is purely vegetable, containing positively no mineral poison whatever, no mercury, no potash, no arsenic or opium. It has produced remarkable changes in only 30 days. Treat yourself privately at home, and become a free man from this as a new-born child.

The wonderful Wasserman Test, the only blood poison test known to scientists, has proven that a man has been completely purified by the Obbae Treatment.

Don't spend months and years of your precious life, and destroy your health forever by taking mercury and potash, which do no good, but prescribe. Write today. Send your name and address and complete description of your case to the Obbae Co., 1297 Obbae Bldg., Chicago, and they will send you at once in an absolutely plain firmly sealed package, a full 30-day treatment absolutely free.

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